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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Hidenobu KAMIZONO
**KEYBOARD DEVICE CAPABLE OF AUTOMATICALLY CHANGING
 FUNCTION OF CERTAIN KEY WITHOUT PRESSING A SPECIFIC KEY**
Assignee: NEC CORPORATION
 Our Ref: Q77868

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/599,569 (Confirmation No. 9797) filed June 23, 2000 of Hidenobu KAMIZONO entitled **KEYBOARD DEVICE CAPABLE OF AUTOMATICALLY CHANGING FUNCTION OF CERTAIN KEY WITHOUT PRESSING A SPECIFIC KEY**.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2675.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	176226/1999	June 23, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/599,569.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00	
Independent claims	<u>5</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$86.00	=	\$172.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE	<u>\$942.00</u>
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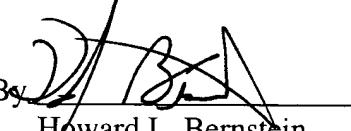
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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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